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SENATE BILL 800

43RD LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 1997

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HEALTH CARE; PROVIDING MEDICAID PROGRAM PAYMENTS TO
FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS; ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF
THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public Assistance Act is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ PAYMENTS UNDER MEDICAID TO FEDERALLY
QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS. --

A. In providing payments under the medicaid program,
the department shall ensure that an entity that was or would
have qualified as a federally qualified health center in 1996
under the federal act, as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d (1)
(2), shall receive one hundred percent reasonable cost-based
reimbursement for services, as was provided in the federal act

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1 during 1996 for the centers pursuant to the provisions of 42
2 U.S.C. Section 1396a (a) (13) (E).

3 B. In administering the medicaid program, the
4 department shall ensure that any managed care program for
5 medicaid, whether implemented through a federal waiver, block
6 grant or otherwise, shall require each health plan participating
7 in the medicaid managed care program to contract with each
8 entity in its service area that was or would have qualified as a
9 federally qualified health center in 1996 under the federal act,
10 as defined in 42 U.S.C. Section 1396d (1) (2), for delivery of
11 covered services at terms no less favorable than those offered
12 to other providers in the plan for equivalent services. The
13 department shall provide timely payments at least quarterly to
14 federally qualified health centers to cover the difference
15 between their one hundred percent reasonable costs, as was
16 provided in the federal act during 1996 for the centers pursuant
17 to the provisions of 42 U.S.C. Section 1396a (a) (13) (E), and
18 the payments under medicaid managed care that are received by
19 the federally qualified health centers. "